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Our File No.: 99B140
Date: February 23, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 09/697,259

Applicant : Antulio Tarzona

Filed : October 26, 2000

Title : Magnetically-Operated Relief Valves (as amended)

TC/A.U. : 3753

Examiner : Krishnamurthy, Ramesh

Docket No. : 99B140

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
2. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
3. No additional fee is required.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on February 23, 2004.

Attorney Name Marta E. Delsignore, Ph.D. Registration No. 32,689

Signature Marta E. Delsignore Date of Signature February 23, 2004

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The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | Claims remaining after amendt. (Col. 1) | | Highest No. Prev. Paid for (Col. 2) | | Present extra (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | |
|---|---|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|-----|--------|---------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | | | | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE | | |
| Total | * | | Minus ** | | = | 0 | X 9 | = 0 | X 18 | = | | |
| Ind. | * | | Minus *** | | = | 0 | X 42 | = 0 | X 84 | = | | |
| () First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | | | + 140 | = | | + 280 | = | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE: | | | | | | | | | TOTAL: | | | |

- * If the entry in Col 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ** If the "Highest No. prev. paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the "Highest No. prev. paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

4.(a) [] An Extension of Time to respond to the PTO communication dated _____ is hereby requested. The required fee, indicated below, is enclosed herewith.

Extension for response (check only one):

| | <u>SMALL ENTITY</u> | <u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Within first month | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 55 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 110 |
| Within second month | <input type="checkbox"/> 210 | <input type="checkbox"/> 420 |
| Within third month | <input type="checkbox"/> 475 | <input type="checkbox"/> 950 |
| Within fourth month | <input type="checkbox"/> 740 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,480 |

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- [] An extension for has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

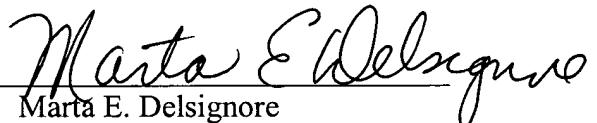
or

- (b)[] In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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5. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0923 in the amount of \$_____. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
6. A check in the amount of \$00 is enclosed.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees are required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 37 CFR 1.117 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0923. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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By: 
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Enclosures